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Medtronic Inc.

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Date April 6, 2004

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Michael Eric Benz et al.)
Serial No. : 09/745,619) Group:
Filed : December 21, 2000) 3743
For : Polymeric Materials with Improved Dielectric) Examiner:
Breakdown Strength) Fadi H. Dahbour
Docket No. : P8602.00)

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 111 & AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.121

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Sir:

Applicants enclose their response to the Office action mailed **October 16, 2003** to the above captioned application.

Claims **1 and 3-44** are pending. Claims 1, 6-11, 14-19, 28 and 30 are allowed. Claims 3-5, 12, 13, 20, 21, 23, 26, 27, 29, 31-36 and 39-44 stand rejected. Claims 22, 24, 25, 37, and 38 are objected to. A shortened statutory period for reply was set to expire **3** months from the mailing date of this application. Applicants submit herewith their timely reply along with a request for a **3** month extension of time. Please charge Medtronic account No. **13-2546** any fees due.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Applicants: Michael Earl Benz et al

Examiner: Fadi H. Dahbour

Serial No.: 09/745,619

Group Art Unit: 3743

Filed: December 21, 2000

Docket: P-8602.00

Title: Polymeric Materials with Improved Dielectric Breakdown Strength

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: I hereby certify that this Amendment Transmittal and the paper(s), as described herein, are being deposited in the U.S. Postal Service, as first class mail, addressed to Mail Stop Box Amendment, Commissioner for Patents,, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this 6 day of APRIL, 2004.

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Sir:

We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- ☒ Amendment Transmittal
☒ REPLY Under 37 CFR 111 & AMENDMENT Under 37 CFR 1.121
☒ Pending Claims as Amended (Marked Up Version)
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FEE CALCULATION

CLAIM AMENDMENT(S)	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Add'l Claims	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	23 -	46 =		x 18	\$00.00
Independent Claims	5 -	15 =		x 80	\$00.00
Multiple Dependent Claims	No			+ 270	\$
TOTAL					\$00.00

☒ Applicant hereby petitions for a **3 month** extension of time in the prior application. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor;

☒ Charge Deposit Account No. 13-2546 the sum of **\$950.00**

☐ \$240.00 pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(c) without 37 CFR §1.97(e) certification

☒ Please charge any additional fees or credits to Deposit Account No. 13-2546 which may have been overlooked on this Amendment Transmittal with regard to this filing. A duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed.

☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, if an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for an extension of time.

Date

April 6, 2004

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